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### *Detention of steamship Eclipse infected with smallpox.*

ANGEL ISLAND, CAL., March 5, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the United States ship *Eclipse*, twenty-nine days from Hiogo (Kobe), Japan, in stone ballast, has been in quarantine two days, and was released to-day.

One of the crew took sick with smallpox while lying at anchor in Kobe. He was taken ashore with all his effects, and the facts noted on the bill of health.

The captain stated that, following the directions of our consul, the crew were directed to stay on board at Kobe, but that two of the men stole ashore one night for "some fun."

A week later the case of smallpox broke out in one of their innocent shipmates.

After arrival the crew were taken to the Island, where they were bathed and all their effects steamed. Several required revaccination.

The ship was given a thorough washing down throughout, including forecabin, cabin, between decks and hold, with 1,500 gallons of a 1:500 bichloride solution.

The chart room was disinfected with formaldehyde lamps.

Very respectfully,

M. J. ROSENAU,  
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

### *Disinfection of British steamship from Cardenas and Habana.*

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE, March 16, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to report the arrival of the British steamer *North Gwallia* from Cardenas and Habana, sugar laden. About one-half of the cargo was taken aboard at the last-named port, and had been